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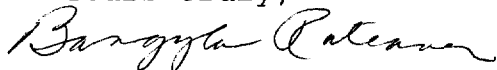
Re: Docket No. 98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production,
Processing, and Handling of Food.

To Whom It May Concern:

In regard to irradiation of food, the FDA should keep the current labeling law, the current terminology: "treated with irradiation" or "treated by irradiation", and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated whole foods. The FDA's labeling requirement should not be permitted to expire.

The label should be large enough to be readily visible, on the front of the package. Citizens have a right to know if this process has been used on their food.

For displayed whole foods, such as produce, a prominent informational display similar to that for meats should be used, and containing the term "irradiation" and the radura.

Yours truly,

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